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59/276. Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005

The General Assembly,

I

Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

Recalling its decision 57/572 of 20 December 2002 and its resolutions 57/312 of 18 June 2003, 48/218 B of 29 July 1994 and 54/244 of 23 December 1999,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO[1] and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and endorses the recommendations contained therein;

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of programme management and administrative practices of the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the recommendations contained therein are implemented expeditiously;

II

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session and resumed substantive sessions of 2004

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2004[4] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5] on the understanding

[1] A/59/405.
[2] A/59/543.
[3] See A/59/229.
[4] A/59/393 and Add.1.
[5] A/59/542 and A/59/597.

that such appropriations as may be necessary and not exceeding 573,600 United States dollars will be requested by the Secretary-General in the context of a consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates to be submitted to the General Assembly;

III

Progressive implementation of article 20 of the statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Recalling paragraph 49 of its resolution 58/270 of 23 December 2003,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the progressive implementation of article 20 of the statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees[6] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions presented orally by its Chairman;[7]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the programme budget proposals for progressive increases for contributions from the regular budget to the Office of the High Commissioner with a view to the full implementation of article 20 of the statute of the Office and to report on the progress made to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, while recognizing that the percentage referred to in paragraph 6 of the report of the Secretary-General does not represent a ceiling;

3. *Calls upon* the Office of the High Commissioner to keep its support costs, including management and administration, under review with the objective of reducing these as a percentage of total budget expenditure, and welcomes the decision of the Office to initiate a headquarters process review with the aim of simplifying and streamlining administration;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007 a transparent presentation of the purposes for which regular budget funds are proposed, including the composition of administrative costs and information on efficiency measures;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that oversight and accountability mechanisms in the Office of the High Commissioner are operating effectively with the required independence, authority and transparency;

IV

Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive review of the resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses relating to expenses certified by the President of the International Court of Justice[8] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[9]

1. *Approves* the request to change the ceiling to 200,000 dollars under the resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for expenses that may be certified

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[6] A/59/294.

[7] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Fifth Committee*, 26th meeting (A/C.5/59/SR.26), and corrigendum.

[8] A/59/90.

[9] A/59/551.

by the President of the Court without prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in connection with the designation of ad hoc judges with effect from the biennium 2006–2007;

2. *Also approves* the proposal to maintain an amount of 400,000 dollars in the regular budget of the Court to accommodate the recurring requirements for ad hoc judges, with effect from the biennium 2006–2007, to be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007;

V

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the programme of work of the Institute for 2005

Recalling its resolution 58/272 of 23 December 2003,

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the programme of work of the Institute for 2005 [10] and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[11]

2. *Approves* the request for a subvention to the Institute of 227,600 dollars, to be recosted, for 2005 from the regular budget of the United Nations, on the understanding that no additional appropriation would be required under section 4, Disarmament, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make proposals in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007 for biennial review and approval by the General Assembly of subvention requirements of the Institute beginning with the biennium 2006–2007;

VI

Construction of additional conference facilities at the Vienna International Centre

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the construction of additional conference facilities at the Vienna International Centre[12] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions presented orally by its Chairman,[13]

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the proposal of the Government of Austria to construct a new conference facility within the boundaries of the Vienna International Centre;

2. *Approves* the participation of the United Nations, along with the other organizations located in the Vienna International Centre, in the arrangements for the proposed new conference facility on the terms proposed by the Secretary-General in his note;

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[10] A/C.5/59/3 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

[11] A/59/553 and Corr.1.

[12] A/C.5/59/23.

[13] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Fifth Committee*, 31st meeting (A/C.5/59/SR.31), and corrigendum.

3. *Entrusts* the Secretary-General to determine, in cooperation with the other three organizations located at the Vienna International Centre, the cost-sharing arrangements for potential future costs arising from the project within the amount indicated in his note, on the understanding that the related financial requirements will be dealt with in the context of the proposed programme budget for the respective bienniums, and to report thereon to the General Assembly for its review and decision;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the progress in the project implementation to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session;

VII

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council and on the request for a subvention to the Special Court for Sierra Leone,[14] as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[15]

Reaffirming section VI of its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council;[14]

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report,[15] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Notes* that the charging of expenditures against the appropriation for special political missions would be subject to the extension of the respective mandates;

4. *Reaffirms*, in the context of all Security Council decisions on special political missions, the prerogatives of the General Assembly in issues related to administrative and budgetary matters;

5. *Reiterates* that, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[16] the submission of the budget proposals is a prerogative of the Secretary-General;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters;

7. *Regrets* the late issuance of the reports of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, and requests the Secretary-General, in the future, to present budget proposals for special political missions at an earlier date, in order to facilitate proper consideration by the General Assembly;

8. *Approves* the budgets of the 25 special political missions presented in table 1 of the report of the Secretary-General;[17]

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[14] A/59/534 and Add.1 and 2.

[15] A/59/569 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 and Add.2.

[16] ST/SGB/2003/7.

[17] A/59/534/Add.1.

9. *Decides* to appropriate under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 an amount of 678,600 dollars for the three special political missions presented in table 1, part A, of the report of the Secretary-General, emanating from the decisions taken or to be taken by the General Assembly;

10. *Also decides* to appropriate under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213, under section 3 of the programme budget an amount of 161,936,100 dollars for the 22 special political missions presented in table 1, part B, of the report of the Secretary-General, emanating from the decisions taken or to be taken by the Security Council;

11. *Further decides* to appropriate an amount of 12,132,500 dollars under section 34, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the next budget proposals for the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, to review and consider possible streamlining of the structure and level of positions, bearing in mind its temporary nature and its status as a subsidiary body of the Security Council, as well as to address its relationship with the Department of Political Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat;

13. *Decides* to approve the proposed waiver requested for the implementation of section III.B, paragraph 26, of resolution 51/226 of 3 April 1997, on an exceptional and extraordinary basis, and requests the Secretary-General to report in the next budget submission on how many consultants given such waiver were recruited, along with their nationalities and functions performed;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to recruit staff for the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate in full compliance with relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

15. *Decides* that the use of experts and consultants for the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate and for the Security Council Committee established pursuant to Council resolution 1540 (2004) of 28 April 2004 should also be in full compliance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

16. *Takes note* that the commitment authority authorized in resolution 58/284 of 8 April 2004 and valid through 31 December 2004 to support a subvention for the Special Court for Sierra Leone has been held unused in view of the continued dependence of the Court on voluntary contributions during the period and is being surrendered;

17. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 20 million dollars to supplement the financial resources of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, with effect from 1 January to 30 June 2005, under special political missions of section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005;

18. *Requests* the Secretary General, in concert with the Management Committee of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, to continue efforts to raise voluntary contributions to support the work of the Court and to report to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-ninth session on progress made;

19. *Appeals* to Member States, as a matter of urgency, to contribute voluntary funds in support of the Court and to honour existing pledges;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-ninth session a progress report in respect of the Special Court for Sierra Leone;

21. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to bring to the attention of the President of the Security Council the contents of the present resolution;

VIII

First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005

Having considered the first performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005[18] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[19]

Recalling its resolutions 58/270 and 58/271 A to C of 23 December 2003 and 58/295 of 18 June 2004,

1. *Reaffirms* the budgetary process as approved in its resolution 41/213 and as reaffirmed in subsequent resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the first performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005 and the addendum on the implementation of the United Nations Official Document System,[18] and endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[19] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Reaffirms* the importance that Member States attach to the work of the Office of the President of the General Assembly in support of the activities carried out by the President of the General Assembly;

4. *Recalls* paragraph 10 of the annex to its resolution 58/126 of 19 December 2003, notes the assurances given by the Secretariat that the three remaining positions, namely, one D-2, one D-1 and one General Service, needed to strengthen the Office of the President of the General Assembly will be provided, and in this context requests the Secretary-General to ensure its full and expeditious implementation;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on the implementation of paragraph 4 above in the context of the second performance report;

6. *Decides* to approve a gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for the year 2005 in the amount of 5,385,700 dollars and to appropriate the amount of 1,712,700 dollars under section 31, Jointly financed administrative activities, for the financing of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2005;

7. *Notes* the contents of paragraph 42 of the report of the Secretary-General[20] and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly comprehensively on this issue at the beginning of its sixtieth session;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 9 of its resolution 58/270, and notes that its implementation resulted in a decrease of 4,007,000 dollars from the original proposed appropriation in section 23, Regular programme of technical cooperation;

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[18] A/59/578 and Add.1.

[19] A/59/601.

[20] A/59/578.

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to fill expeditiously vacant positions for web-site assistants in all official languages from external candidates, utilizing general temporary assistance;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 44 of its resolution 58/270 and takes note of the relevant paragraph of the Secretary-General's report regarding the *Repertory of Practice of the United Nations Organs*,[20] and requests the Secretary-General to keep the matter under review and to report thereon to the General Assembly in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007;

11. *Approves* a net increase of 172,851,200 dollars in the appropriation approved for the biennium 2004–2005 and a net increase of 9,406,800 dollars in the estimates of income for the biennium, to be apportioned among expenditure and income sections as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General[20] and amended to reflect the recommendation of the Advisory Committee;[19]

IX

Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization: status of implementation

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization: status of implementation" [21] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[22]

Recalling paragraph 42 of its resolution 58/270 and paragraph 95 of its resolution 59/126 B of 10 December 2004, in which it requested the Secretary-General to strengthen the web site through further redeployment to the required language posts,

Reaffirming the need to achieve full parity among the six official languages on the United Nations web site,

Also reaffirming its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that the Department of Public Information has appropriate staffing capacity in all official languages of the United Nations to undertake all its activities,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General[21] and paragraphs 19 to 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[22]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit proposals to strengthen the United Nations web site within the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007;

X

Financial viability of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 58/272 of 23 December 2003,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the financial viability of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, transmitting the note by the

[21] A/59/336.

[22] See A/59/558.

Board of Trustees of the Institute on the rationalization of the financial structure of the Institute,[23] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions presented orally by its Chairman,[24]

1. *Takes note with concern* of the observations and conclusions of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research transmitted under the cover of the note by the Secretary-General;[23]

2. *Stresses* the importance of maintaining the current level of the training programmes of the Institute, and requests the Board of Trustees to make every effort to ensure that in 2005 the level of training programmes will be maintained;

3. *Stresses also* the need for continued consideration of the issues related to the Institute's rent, rental rates and maintenance costs, taking into account its financial situation, with a view to its expeditious resolution;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, as a priority, to the General Assembly at the beginning of its sixtieth session, and prior to the introduction of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007, a comprehensive report on all aspects of the financial situation of the Institute, including proposals which would address the long-term, sound and predictable funding of rent and maintenance costs;

5. *Decides* to consider the outcome of its consideration of that report in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007;

XI

Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations

Recalling its resolutions 56/255 of 24 December 2001, 56/286 of 27 June 2002, 57/305 of 15 April 2003, 58/270 of 23 December 2003, 58/295 of 18 June 2004 and all relevant resolutions regarding the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations[25] and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the utilization and management of funds appropriated during the biennium 2002–2003 for strengthening the security and safety of United Nations premises,[26]

Having also considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[27]

Underlining the importance of achieving the highest levels of professionalism and expertise within United Nations security management,

Reaffirming Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming also the role of the General Assembly in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of posts and financial resources as well as human resources

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[23] A/59/271.

[24] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Fifth Committee*, 33rd meeting (A/C.5/59/SR.33), and corrigendum.

[25] A/59/365 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1.

[26] See A/59/396.

[27] A/59/529.

policies with a view to ensuring the full implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of all policies in this regard,

Reaffirming further that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly responsible for administrative and budgetary matters,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[25]

2. *Reaffirms* the importance of ensuring the safety and security of United Nations staff, operations and premises;

3. *Emphasizes* that the primary responsibility for ensuring the safety and security of United Nations staff and premises rests with the host country, and also emphasizes the role of the relevant host country agreements in defining this responsibility;

4. *Recognizes* the need for the urgent implementation of a unified and strengthened security management system in order to ensure the safety and security of United Nations staff, operations and premises at United Nations Headquarters and main duty stations, as well as in the field;

5. *Stresses* that the effective functioning at the country level of security operations on a decentralized basis as proposed by the Secretary-General requires a unified capacity for policy, standards, coordination, communication, compliance and threat and risk assessment;

6. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[27] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

7. *Decides*, bearing in mind the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 64 of its report[27] and General Assembly resolution 32/204 of 21 December 1977 on organizational nomenclature in the Secretariat, to establish a Department of Safety and Security;

8. *Welcomes* the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[26] on the utilization and management of funds appropriated by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/286 in response to concerns about delays and cost escalation, notes the progress made more recently in the implementation of these projects, and urges the Secretary-General to complete their implementation expeditiously;

9. *Notes with concern* the delays, cost escalation and deficiencies in planning and administering security-strengthening projects, particularly at Headquarters and at the United Nations Office at Geneva, in relation to funds appropriated by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/286, as set out by the Office of Internal Oversight Services in its report,[26] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that in the implementation of Assembly resolution 58/295, as well as the present resolution, funds appropriated for security-strengthening projects are managed and disbursed with great oversight, efficiency and effectiveness and in a timely manner;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of recommendations contained in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[26] and also to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to report on the utilization and management of funds approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 58/295 and in the present resolution for security-strengthening projects for submission to the Assembly at its sixtieth session;

11. *Emphasizes* the need for an enhanced culture of security awareness on the part of all staff and compliance with safety and security rules and procedures throughout the United Nations system, as well as clear lines of authority and accountability;

12. *Affirms* that United Nations security management requires clear lines of authority and accountability at all managerial levels at Headquarters and in the field for the implementation of safety and security rules and procedures;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session an accountability framework for the United Nations security management system as a whole, which would, inter alia:

(*a*) Update the report on field security;[28]

(*b*) Make clear the role of each responsible official;

(*c*) Provide information on how non-military lines of security-related authority lead to the head of the Department of Safety and Security;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive heads of United Nations funds and programmes that maintain their own security personnel in the field, to elaborate in the updated accountability framework on how such security staff are integrated into the unified security management structure at the country level under the authority of the designated official and to clarify the authority of the designated official over such staff;

15. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to strengthen security compliance, to apply available measures for disciplinary action to be taken at all levels, especially at the managerial level, in all departments for non-compliance with security standards, norms and procedures, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to strengthen security compliance, as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to propose to the executive heads of agencies, funds and programmes that participate in the United Nations security management system that they apply available measures for disciplinary action to be taken at all levels for non-compliance with security standards, norms and procedures;

17. *Reaffirms* Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations;

18. *Urges* the Secretary-General to preserve the international character of the Organization in the recruitment of relevant categories of safety and security staff;

19. *Recognizes* that the Professional posts created by the present resolution under the regular budget would be added to the pool of posts subject to the system of geographic distribution in accordance with established procedures;

20. *Urges* the Secretary-General to ensure that recruitment to Professional and higher categories is made on a wide geographic basis;

21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to elaborate further on his proposals concerning career development, a new profile for security officers and the further professionalization of security personnel referred to in paragraphs 25 and 31 of his

[28] See A/57/365.

report,[29] to submit detailed proposals on retirement policy given the special requirements for security staff and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session;

22. *Decides*, on an exceptional basis and without setting any precedent, that the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security shall serve for one non-renewable term not exceeding five years;

23. *Also decides* that the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security shall be appointed with full respect for the principle of equitable geographic representation and guided by its resolution 46/232 of 2 March 1992, whereby the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that as a general rule no national of a Member State should succeed a national of that State in that post and that there should be no monopoly on senior posts by nationals of any State or group of States;

24. *Further decides* to establish a D-2 post of deputy to the Under-Secretary-General and to review the post in the context of the implementation report to be submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session;

25. *Decides* to establish the post of the head of the Division of Safety and Security Services at the D-2 level and to review the post in the context of the implementation report to be submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session;

26. *Also decides* to establish 383 new security and safety officer posts within the General Service and related categories, of which 249 are established posts and 134 are on a temporary post basis;

27. *Further decides* to review the newly approved posts referred to in paragraph 26 above in the light of a comprehensive report to be submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session addressing all elements contributing to the security planning of the Organization, including the updating and revision of host country agreements as well as the different capacities of host countries to provide security to the United Nations, as outlined in paragraphs 19 and 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[27]

28. *Decides* to establish an Executive Office in the Department of Safety and Security consisting of 17 posts to handle its administrative support functions;

29. *Also decides* to appropriate 500,000 dollars under general temporary assistance to provide surge capacity for the Department of Safety and Security;

30. *Further decides* to approve the creation of the posts proposed by the Secretary-General in field locations;

31. *Recognizes* the need for the security and safety sections at the eight headquarters and main duty stations of the United Nations to convey threat and risk assessments through the appropriate regional desks;

32. *Notes* that threat and risk assessments will be conducted primarily by the field offices and reviewed by the regional desks;

33. *Decides* to enhance the capacity for threat and risk assessment by establishing one P-4, two P-3 and one General Service post in addition to the existing P-5 post, and further decides that this capacity will be located in the Office of the Director of Regional Operations;

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[29] A/59/365 and Corr.1.

34. *Reaffirms* paragraph 2 of its resolution 58/295;

35. *Notes* that in paragraph 54 of his report,[29] the Secretary-General proposed getting input on threats and risks from sources other than international organizations and Governments, and emphasizes that it is incumbent on the Department of Safety and Security, in making its objective judgement, to weigh the reliability and responsibility of the source as well as the reliability and validity of the information being used in order to produce threat and risk assessments;

36. *Decides*, in this context, that threat and risk assessments to be provided to Headquarters should be prepared by country offices and other components of the United Nations system, on an objective basis and in full cooperation with the national authorities of host countries;

37. *Reaffirms*, in this context, Article 100 of the Charter of the United Nations;

38. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the process for the continuous review of threat and risk assessment so as to enable timely, systematic and periodic review of the phases, and requests the Secretary-General to keep the respective national Governments apprised in a timely manner of any changes resulting from such review;

39. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide information, upon request by Member States, about the methodology used for determining phases of threat and risk assessment;

40. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to provide, in the context of the implementation report, information on strengthening the cooperation between the Department of Safety and Security and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations with respect to security decisions that may affect the conduct of peacekeeping operations, in the framework of the unified security management system, which would be led by the Department of Safety and Security under the provisions of the present resolution;

41. *Notes* that the malicious acts insurance policy has a worldwide coverage except in headquarters countries, namely, Austria, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America;

42. *Notes with concern* that there are some staff in the United Nations system who are working in the field and are not covered by the malicious acts insurance policy or a comparable scheme;

43. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to address this matter in the context of the Board and to report to the General Assembly thereon at its sixtieth session with a view to ensuring that all staff are covered;

44. *Decides* to defer until the second part of the resumed fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly consideration of the proposal of the Secretary-General on the global access control system,[30] pending the receipt of a detailed report by the Secretary-General, which will include the following:

(*a*) Integration with projects approved by the General Assembly in previous resolutions, including those in the context of the overall information technology strategy;

[30] See A/59/365/Add.1 and Corr.1.

(*b*) The impact of implementing the global access control system on human resources requirements in the area of safety and security;

(*c*) The individual characteristics of each United Nations headquarters and main duty station;

(*d*) The implications of the global access control system for the capital master plan;

(*e*) Detailed information regarding the global identity management system, including the principles and guidelines for sharing the information obtained through the system, the level of centralization needed for managing this information and who would have access to the information;

(*f*) The time frame for implementation of the system;

45. *Decides* to defer consideration of the expansion of the security service fitness facility and to revert to this issue in the context of its consideration of the scope of work of the capital master plan;

46. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that infrastructure projects approved for Headquarters under the present resolution should not, pending a decision on the capital master plan, incur additional unnecessary costs at a later date under the capital master plan;

47. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session the results of the technical study on information and communication technology security, business continuity and disaster recovery, with detailed costing and a timetable;

48. *Decides* to maintain existing arrangements with regard to cost-sharing for safety and security;

49. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as the Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, while fully implementing the decision of the General Assembly to maintain the current cost-sharing arrangements, to submit a report to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session on measures taken to improve the operational administration of existing cost-sharing arrangements;

50. *Stresses* the importance that all entities participating in specific arrangements in place at headquarters duty stations for sharing the costs of the central security and safety services should provide prompt and secure funding for such arrangements;

51. *Decides* that the present cost-sharing arrangements relating to field security for those organizations which are not part of the United Nations system should be retained;

52. *Invites* those organizations of the United Nations system which are currently in arrears with their contributions to the United Nations under the present cost-sharing arrangements to take steps to ensure prompt payment of the outstanding sums;

53. *Decides* to approve an additional appropriation under the regular budget in the amount of 53,633,300 dollars, as detailed in the annex to the present section;

54. *Also decides* to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of 6,069,700 dollars under section 34, Staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005, to be offset by an equivalent amount of income under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

55. *Recognizes* the need for a clearer presentation of security spending by each organization of the United Nations system, and requests the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to inform the General Assembly at its sixtieth session on this issue;

56. *Requests* the Secretary-General to examine the possibility for further integration and rationalization of the security management system and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session;

57. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

Annex

Additional appropriations for the strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations, at revised 2004–2005 rates, by section of the programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005

(*Thousands of United States dollars*)

Budget section		*Additional appropriation*
3.	Political affairs	147.2
4.	Disarmament	50.5
5.	Peacekeeping operations	1 612.6
13.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	669.4
18.	Economic and social development in Africa	(2 383.0)
19.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	(4 775.9)
21.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	(2 960.3)
22.	Economic and social development in Western Asia	(3 833.7)
24.	Human rights	45.4
25.	Protection of and assistance to refugees	5 103.2
26.	Palestine refugees	708.4
28.	Public information	223.1
29D.	Office of Central Support Services	(36 240.0)
29E.	Administration, Geneva	(19 601.5)
29F.	Administration, Vienna	(5 609.8)
29G.	Administration, Nairobi	(5 835.0)
31.	Jointly financed administrative activities	(17 796.1)
33.	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	4 003.4
36.	Safety and security	140 105.4
	Total	**53 633.3**
34.	Staff assessment	6 069.7
Income section 1. Income from staff assessment		(6 069.7)

XII

Administrative and financial implications of decisions and recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission for 2004

Recalling its resolution 59/268 of 23 December 2004 on the United Nations common system,

Takes note of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General [31] on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2004[32] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[33]

XIII

Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and related estimates

Decides to appropriate the required amounts, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General;[34]

Notes that a balance of 7,854,800 dollars remains in the contingency fund.

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[31] A/59/429.

[32] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 30* (A/59/30), vols. I and II.

[33] A/59/522.

[34] A/C.5/59/27.